

Sociology Chapter 2: Culture

Worksheet #1

Name _____

Read chapter 2, pp. 37-44 (to the section on language). Then, answer the following questions.

1. Please define:

- a. culture-
- b. material culture-
- c. non-material culture-
- d. culture shock-
- e. ethnocentrism-
- f. cultural relativism-
- g. gestures-
- h. language-

2. List 2 examples of material **and** non-material culture in the United States:

Material

Non-Material

1.

1.

2.

2.

3. Write down a time when you think you have experienced culture shock or a similar event

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Worksheet # 2

Language, American Norms, Subcultures and Countercultures

Name: _____

Language:

Define:

1. Sapir-Whorf Thesis

2. Explain a reason why, according to Henslin (author of your textbook) language is the basis of culture:

3. Give one example not mentioned in the book, of how language affects or determines our perception of the world:

4. From the section Race and Language: Searching for Self Labels:

-why did black Americans reject the terms Negro and colored?

-why did they embrace the terms African Americans or black?

American Norms and Values,

Define:

1. values

2. norms

3. sanction

-positive sanction

-negative sanction

4. folkway

5. more

6. taboo

7. List two norms that exist in this school:

8. Give an example of a positive and negative sanction which you have experienced:
positive:

negative:

9. What is a moral holiday? Do you think they are valuable or appropriate? Why or why not?

Subcultures and Countercultures, pp50-51

Define:

1. Subculture

2. Counterculture

3. What's the main difference between a subculture and a counterculture?

4. Are all countercultures negative? Explain

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Worksheet # 3

Values and Technology

Name: _____

Values, pp. 52-57

Define:

1. pluralistic society
 2. value cluster
 3. value contradiction
 4. ideal culture
 5. cultural universal
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6. What is an advantage of a pluralistic society? A disadvantage?

7. Read over the list of American values on pages 52 and 54.

-Which 2 values are most important to you?

-Which 2 values are least important?

-Which 2 values cause the most problems in our society?

-Which 2 could you get rid of and still be satisfied?

-What values would you add to this list?

8. Read the section titled “Why do Native Americans like Westerns?” Why do Native Americans identify more with cowboys than with the Indians in Western movies?

9. Why are value contradictions significant for the study of society?

10. Give one value contradiction in our society , not mentioned in the book:

11. Do you think the emerging values described on p. 55 are accurate? Are there any that might create problems in society? Which ones?

12. Name an example of a culture war in today's world:

13. How can values "blind" you to reality?

14. List 2 examples of real versus ideal culture in society:

Real

Ideal

Technology in the Global Village, pp. 60-62

Define:

1. cultural lag
2. cultural diffusion
3. cultural leveling

Give an example of each of the terms above: